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H. R. 5091

To increase the amount of student loan forgiveness available to qualified teachers, with an emphasis on special education teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. McKEON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PLATTS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. TIAHRT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To increase the amount of student loan forgiveness available to qualified teachers, with an emphasis on special education teachers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Canceling Loans to
5 Allow School Systems to Attract Classroom Teachers
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED LOAN AMOUNTS FOR STU-**
2 **DENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

3 (a) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J(c) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10(c)) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR TEACHERS IN
7 MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION.—

8 “(A) LARGER AMOUNTS FROM APPRO-
9 PRIATED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding the amount
10 specified in paragraph (1), the aggregate
11 amount that the Secretary may, from funds ap-
12 propriated under subparagraph (C), repay
13 under this section is a total amount equal to
14 not more than \$17,500.

15 “(B) AWARD BASIS; PRIORITY.—The Sec-
16 retary shall give priority in providing loan re-
17 payment under this paragraph for a fiscal year
18 to elementary or secondary school teachers
19 who—

20 “(i) meet the requirements of sub-
21 section (b), other than paragraphs (1)(B)
22 and (C);

23 “(ii) are teaching special education;
24 and

25 “(iii) as certified by the chief adminis-
26 trative officer of the public or nonprofit

private elementary or secondary school in which the borrower is employed, are teaching children with disabilities that correspond with the borrower's training and have demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in the content areas of the elementary or secondary school curriculum that the borrower is teaching.

“(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this paragraph such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2003 and for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

(b) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR TEACHERS IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION.—

“(A) LARGER AMOUNTS FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding the amount specified in paragraph (1), the aggregate amount that the Secretary may, from funds appropriated under subparagraph (C), repay under this section is a total amount equal to not more than \$17,500.

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